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## Program a Success for Families and Wildlife

**F**or the past four months, students from 20 classes at 10 elementary schools in East Oakland and their family members have been working to restore marsh at Arrowhead Marsh in the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Shoreline Park. At least 70 students and their families, ranging from babies to great-grandmothers, have been coming out to the marsh on Saturdays and some Tuesday afternoons to remove trash and non-native plants and to lay the groundwork for planting native seedlings, such as Creeping Wild Rye and Marsh Rosemary. "The students and their families have learned how trash on the ground can end up in the Bay and harm wildlife and how invasive non-native plants, such as Stinkwort and Pepperweed, threaten the welfare of birds and other animals that feed on native plants," says MLK Program Coordinator Amiko Mayeno.

"Students and family members also get a chance to observe the thousands of shorebirds feeding on the mud flats and to look for endangered California Clapper Rails," Amiko adds. "They come away with an understanding of how the Clapper Rail, like so many other endangered birds, is threatened first and foremost by loss of habitat."

This year, the MLK Environmental Education Program is receiving some expert advice from Leslie Allen and Tim Milliken of LSA Associates, who are volunteering their time to help guide the shoreline restoration efforts. The restoration is being done in collaboration with the East Bay Regional Park District, under the supervision of Joan Suzio. Funding for Golden Gate Audubon's education/restoration program is provided by the San Francisco Foundation, the East Bay Community Foundation, the San Francisco Estuary Project, the California Coastal Commission, the Clorox Foundation, The Dean Witter Foundation, the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program, the Mary A. Crocker Trust, and individual donors.

by Amiko Mayeno, MLK Program Coordinator



Amiko Mayeno

Students and their family members help restore marsh at Arrowhead Marsh.

## Member Support Critical for Wildlife

**D**ecember is a wonderful time at Golden Gate Audubon. While so much of the northern hemisphere is bundling up for winter, Golden Gate Audubon springs into action with two Christmas Bird Counts, bringing more than 200 people out to admire the rich variety of birds residing in or migrating through the Bay Area. I look forward to participating in both Christmas Bird Counts this year—and to sharing your stories and observations with fellow birders over dinner.

Year's end is also a time to reflect on our accomplishments and to look forward to upcoming successes. Golden Gate Audubon marked some tremendously significant victories in 2004. After more than a decade of legal efforts, we successfully negotiated an agreement to protect Gateway Valley from development, securing the future of this pristine area for future generations of people and wildlife. We have continued our campaign to create the Alameda Wildlife Refuge, strengthening political support and expanding the Least Tern's nesting area by roughly 65 percent. And our advocacy has bolstered efforts to protect habitats along our shorelines and within our cities.

We have also connected thousands of people with Bay Area wildlife and conservation through field trips and educational outreach. Our MLK Education Program involved more than a thousand East Oakland students, families, and teachers in restoration, while students

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# A Message from Our Treasurer

**G**olden Gate Audubon owes its financial success to the continuing generosity of its members. This could not be more evident than when looking at this year's financial statements. For the year ended June 30, 2004, GGA received \$180,436 in gifts and donations and an additional \$23,175 in membership dues. This public support not only funded member services and administration but also went to conservation and education programs. Golden Gate Audubon could not sustain its programs and activities without your membership dues, volunteer efforts, and generosity.

In this edition of *The Gull*, we provide our basic financial statements. For the year ended June 30, 2004, Golden Gate Audubon's net assets increased \$88,736, largely due to \$93,786 in investment earnings. What this means is that public support and revenue, excluding investment earnings, came within \$5,050 of covering expenses.

Golden Gate Audubon has accumulated \$653,290 in net assets since its inception. We follow good budgeting practices to sustain important ongoing programs and to initiate new ones. And, our accumulated net assets help us cover unanticipated costs when important ecological or conservation issues suddenly emerge.

For the year ended June 30, 2004, 72 percent of expenditures were for education programs and conservation and another 13 percent for member services, including publication of *The Gull*. Only 15 percent of expenditures were for management, general, and fundraising expenses. We are a lean, volunteer-driven, membership organization.

We thank you for helping us to remain a leading wildlife conservation and education organization in the San Francisco Bay Area and look forward to working together to build on our accomplishments.

by Al Peters, Treasurer

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in Bayview/Hunters Point conducted a wildlife census at Yosemite Slough.

These are just a few of our successes. We now begin to focus on the challenges of 2005: engaging more East Oakland families in restoration; protecting important areas along the Richmond Shoreline; restoring San Francisco's Southern Waterfront; decreasing the devastating, illegal bird kills at Altamont Pass.

At the end of each year, we send a special letter to all of our members, sharing our most recent accomplishments and asking you to renew your support. Many of you have already responded to this mailing. The board and staff thank you. Your contributions make our many successes possible.

Your support is also a deeply personal expression of your values, a clear commitment to protect the local wildlife and wild places that we treasure. Within the past year, we have received some remarkable and touching gifts: Two young children gave a Hanukkah gift to Golden Gate Audubon, and an 11-year-old sent \$20 in allowance money to support our efforts—and requested that we not reply on paper in order to protect bird habitat.

Gifts such as these are critical to our work. They are also an inspiration to us all—illustrating the power of individual action and sending a message of hope.

Thank you all for your generous support of our work. I hope you'll continue to support Golden Gate Audubon in 2005 as we strive to save wild places and inspire more people to action for Bay Area wildlife.

by Elizabeth Murdock, Executive Director

# Last Chance to Sign Up for Christmas Bird Counts

**G**olden Gate Audubon's two Christmas Bird Counts will be held in Oakland on Sunday, December 19, and in San Francisco on Tuesday, December 28. The deadline to sign up for these enjoyable days in the field is immediate.

Sponsored nationwide by the National Audubon Society and now in their 104th season, Christmas Bird Counts aim to identify and count the birds within a defined 15-mile diameter circle. Within each circle, teams of observers guided by experienced leaders fan out to scour their assigned area in search of wintering resident birds and the rare birds that always lend spice to a count.

The Oakland and San Francisco counts each offer a wide variety of habitats and produce over 160 species in a typical year, often ranking among the top 25 nationwide in numbers of species found. Both counts welcome birders of any level of abil-

ity, including beginners. You can bird from dawn to dusk—longer if you want to look for owls, or just part of a day if your time is limited. Feeder watchers who bird from home are also welcome; some species are often easier to find this way.

There's no better way to end the day than at the count dinner, where you'll have a chance to share field stories, tally final counts of birds seen and missed, and exchange information on rare birds and their locations. Susanne Shields, Golden Gate Audubon's Hospitality Coordinator, will again plan and arrange dinners that offer plenty of good, hot, nutritious food.

The deadlines to sign up for participating in either the Oakland or San Francisco Christmas Bird Counts are immediate. If you received an invitation in the mail, please send it in now. Or you can sign up for the Oakland count on-line at [www.goldengateaudubon.org](http://www.goldengateaudubon.org) (see "Christmas Bird



Varied Thrush

Count" under "Birding.") For further information, call Dave Quady (510.704.9353) or Bob Lewis (510.845.5001) for the Oakland count or Alan Hopkins (415.664.0983) for the San Francisco count. Volunteers willing to help collect money, serve, set up, and clean up at the dinners are also greatly appreciated. Please call Susanne (415.810.4900) if you can help.

by Dave Quady

## Conservation Briefs

**E**fforts to save our natural world are usually ongoing. Rarely are there final victories, although at times they do occur. Consequently, GGA San Francisco and East Bay Conservation Committees work hard on recurrent issues at the same time they focus on new threats and opportunities. Please join one of our Conservation Committees. The work may be endless but it is very satisfying.

**The San Francisco Conservation Committee (SFCC)** has been actively engaged in a number of continuing activities this year to protect and restore habitat for birds and other wildlife, thanks to our core group of GGA activists and supportive members. Our current projects include the following: At **The Presidio**, our ongoing support for the restoration of Tennessee Hollow has had great success. The issue now is the extent of the restoration, not whether or not to undertake it. The Bank Swallow colony at **Fort Funston** enjoyed another

successful nesting season, thanks in large part to the ongoing monitoring and advocacy efforts of GGA's Dan Murphy. The **Quail Restoration Project** at Harding Park Golf Course, now in its second year, demonstrates how habitat and recreational values can successfully coexist in a venture that was viewed with much skepticism when it began. A new project took place at **Pier 94** where, through a collaborative effort between our volunteers and the San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project, we successfully eliminated 90 percent of the invasive *Spartina alterniflora*. With increased threats to birds and wildlife habitats, each of these projects needs greater Golden Gate Audubon member involvement to monitor and protect our precious natural legacy for future generations.

The San Francisco Conservation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Randall Museum in San Francisco. Contact Committee Chair Bob Bennett for more information.

This year the **East Bay Conservation Committee (EBCC)** continued its efforts to have a wetland restoration project take place at Oakland's **Lake Merritt**. The City of Oakland is considering several sites for this wetland restoration. The city is also making changes to Lake Merritt Channel that will increase tidal fluctuation at the lake and impact shoreline habitat and that may also include wetland restoration components. EBCC is also considering initiating monthly bird walks at Lake Merritt, similar to GGA monthly walks at Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco. At **Clinton Basin**, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and Port of Oakland may be receptive to EBCC request to repair damage done to the wetland that GGA worked so hard to restore. Having saved Orinda's Gateway Valley from a golf course, the EBCC is now focusing on Palos Colorados, a somewhat similar project proposed for Moraga. Although the developer

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no longer wants the golf course included, Moraga city planning still insists on it. We have been active for years on this project and hope to now increase our efforts.

Two particularly significant issues for the committee include new Indian gaming casino proposals: 1) **Pt. Molate** in Richmond: GGA has met with other environmental groups to discuss strategies to ensure that the wildlife habitats at Point Molate are protected—and that this area can also allow for public access. 2) On land adjacent to the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline Park** (which includes Arrowhead Marsh) in Oakland, the EBCC is monitoring another casino proposal and will be advocating protecting the sensitive habitat and species that are present here.

The EBCC meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Golden Gate Audubon office, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Contact Committee Chair Patricia Eckhardt for more information.

## GGA Honored by PG&E

Golden Gate Audubon received a tremendous honor in October when Pacific Gas and Electric Company employee Diane Ross-Leech named us the beneficiary of the 2004 Richard A. Clarke Environmental Leadership Award. The award is given each year to PG&E employees whose work exemplifies environmental leadership. Diane, the company's Manager of Habitat and Species Protection, won the award for her efforts to protect wetlands and minimize impacts to the environment. Diane directed a \$5,000 contribution to GGA, citing our conservation efforts at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Shoreline and at Gateway Valley as the reasons for her choice. Golden Gate Audubon extends a heartfelt thank-you to PG&E, and to Diane for her tremendous work and for honoring GGA with this gift.

# Elizabeth McNamee Joins GGA Board

**E**lizabeth McNamee has joined the Golden Gate Audubon Board of Directors as a Designated Director and will serve as Chair of the Development Committee.

Elizabeth is a consultant for nonprofit organizations and also an independent radio producer in San Francisco. She served as director of the major gifts program at the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (now EarthJustice) before becoming an independent consultant specializing in organizational development and strategic planning. Her clients have included the Coalition of Essential Schools, Redefining Progress, Society for American Music, Sweet Bird Classics, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Corporation for the Northern Rockies, and Earth Share of California. A fifth-generation Californian, Elizabeth holds degrees in music from University of California Santa Cruz and San Francisco State University. She now produces features and documentaries on American music and culture for public radio.

Elizabeth began birding in the second grade through Junior Audubon and was also inspired by her mother, a docent at Audubon Canyon Ranch. She has been on birding trips throughout the world, from the Yucatan to the Dolomites. When in the Bay Area, she spends most weekends birding and botanizing with her husband, Tom, and friends. "Mostly we go to places where there's a variety of flora and fauna and we can get an idea of the whole ecosystem," she says.

"Golden Gate Audubon is vital in connecting the dots for local residents to see the significance of the Bay Area as wildlife habitat," Elizabeth notes. "We live on one of the most important flyways on the planet, and Golden Gate Audubon's conservation and education programs help people here understand that."

Every St. Francis day—the first Sunday of October—Elizabeth leads a birding outing at Crissy Field in conjunction with Grace Cathedral's environmental ministry. The bird walk is followed by a St. Francis day service on the beach under the cypresses.

## Donations

Thank you for your generous donations to support our many conservation, education, and member activities!

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Elizabeth McNamee, new board member.

Thomas McNamee

# Dan Murphy, Committed Conservationist and Educator

**B**irding is Dan Murphy's passion, but at the core of both his avocation and his profession is a commitment to conservation and education. Nearly 35 years ago, he turned to birding as a break from his stressful but much-loved job of teaching at-risk youth. After Dan and his wife, Joan, joined Golden Gate Audubon in 1970, it did not take long before his involvement was like a parallel career—whether he was sharing his considerable expertise through field trips or working diligently to educate government entities about preserving the habitats and wildlife in San Francisco parks.

In October 2004, barely a half year after retiring from teaching, Dan took on a new role: president of the board of directors of Audubon Canyon Ranch. His interest in ACR is by no means new. He and Joan first visited in 1971, on a California Academy of Sciences field trip. They returned with their young children and, shortly thereafter, began volunteering as hosts during the public season when visitors can observe the nesting Great Blue Herons, Snowy Egrets, and Great Egrets at Bolinas Canyon Preserve. Since then, he and Joan have never missed a season. Over the past 20 years, Dan served on the ACR board of directors and was an active member or chair of various committees.

"The first thing that drew me to ACR was learning how highly the community regards the ranch," Dan says. "There is nothing better than meeting people who say, 'I was here 20 years ago as a kid. It was the best field trip I ever took, and I've always wanted to come back.' ACR education programs make a real impression on kids."

As president of the board, Dan is looking forward to working with board members, executive director Skip Schwartz, staff, and volunteers on continuing ACR's mission to preserve its lands in west Marin and Sonoma Counties, to provide education programs for schoolchildren, and to carry out vital research projects. Then there are the new challenges of helping to develop and implement a new education plan and to raise funds. So much habitat still needs to be conserved, and Dan

would like to see ACR be in a financial position to facilitate the preservation of still other significant properties.

Dan's ACR activities and his teaching never inhibited his engagement in nearly every facet of Golden Gate Audubon. He served as a board member for several years, then as vice president, and finally as president from 1981 to 1983. Most Golden Gate Audubon members undoubtedly know Dan as a leader of field trips. No matter what the destination—Golden Gate Park to look for fall migrants or Palo Alto Baylands to observe wintering shorebirds—he always offers valuable information that birders are sure to find useful when they go out on their own.

For the first field trip that Dan led, in the early 1970s, he was actually a stand-in for the leader. The trip was to Lake Merced, an



Joan Murphy

Dan Murphy, new president of the board of directors of Audubon Canyon Ranch.

area he knew well. "I remember describing a White-crowned Sparrow," he says, "and a woman told me she had been on field trips her whole life, and I was the first leader who took the time to explain the field marks on common birds like that sparrow." Dan has been following the same approach ever since, one reason that his trips with Golden Gate Audubon are a magnet for local birders.

Year after year, he goes to some of the same locales, from Golden Gate Park—where he started birding—to Lassen Volcanic National Park—where he and Joan have done a three-day trip since the late 1970s. The enthusiasm with which he shares his

knowledge makes the group feel as if he is leading the trip for the first time. "Leading a birding trip is such a high," Dan says. "As a professional educator, I feel it is like Sesame Street in terms of instant gratification. I also get the satisfaction of seeing people who've joined my trips become active in Golden Gate Audubon, Audubon Canyon Ranch, and similar organizations. They've used birding as a means of personal growth."

Equally passionate about conservation, Dan has been on the Golden Gate Audubon San Francisco Conservation Committee for nearly two decades. In recent years, he has concentrated his efforts on Lake Merced and serves as the GGA representative on the Lake Merced Task Force. About 150 species use Lake Merced each year, 50 of which depend on it for nesting. For three years, he has been monitoring the lake's Great Blue Heron and Double-crested Cormorant colonies. This year, there were 9 heron nests and 200 cormorant nests. Another species that relies on Lake Merced are the Bank Swallows that nest a quarter of a mile away, in the eroded sand cliffs at Fort Funston, and depend on the lake as a source of food. This is one of only three remaining Bank Swallow colonies on the California coast.

The task force has long been pressing for the creation of a Lake Merced Master Plan. Although the plan has still not been funded, Dan is not willing to give up. The lake is "such an incredible resource," he says. "That's worth fighting for."

Dan ends 2004 the way he concludes every year—by organizing and compiling, with Alan Hopkins, the San Francisco Christmas Bird Count (SFCBC). When Dan was president of Golden Gate Audubon, he and Alan, along with a few other birders, launched the SFCBC. At the time, Golden Gate Audubon sponsored only the Oakland Christmas Bird Count. For the first few years of the SFCBC, Dan's territory was Lake Merced. Since then, he has counted his neighborhood in the Sunset District—familiar ground, perhaps, but he always looks forward to seeing what shows up.

by Judith Dunham

# FIELD TRIPS

Susan Groves



## Gray Lodge and Sacramento Wildlife Refuges

*Sutter, Butte, and Glenn Counties*

**Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5**

Coleaders: Steve and Renee Margolin  
530.342.6476

We will look for four species of wintering geese, Tundra Swans, a variety of ducks, raptors, and Sandhill Cranes. For this two-day trip, meet on Saturday at 9 a.m. in lot #14 at Gray Lodge Wildlife Refuge. We will caravan through the refuge on Saturday, then visit other sites in Sutter, Butte, and Glenn Counties, so make sure you have plenty of gasoline before arriving at Gray Lodge. On Sunday, we will meet at 9 a.m. in the visitors' parking lot at Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge. For accommodations, try the Blue Gum Willows Motel or Best Western in Willows, or Jean's Riverside B&B in Oroville, or other motels in Oroville, Willows, or (a bit farther away) Chico. There is no lodge in Gray Lodge. Bring lunch, snacks, liquids, scopes, and clothes appropriate for the Sacramento Valley in December (cold, with wind and rain always possible). Heavy rain cancels trip. You may join us for both days or just one day.

To reach Gray Lodge, drive east on I-80 for 15 miles beyond Davis to Route 99 exit. Go north 52 miles on Rte. 99 to the town of Gridley. Turn left (west) on Sycamore, which becomes Colusa Hwy., and continue 5 miles to Pennington Rd. Turn left and follow signs to Gray Lodge Wildlife Refuge. Or, take Rte. 99 to Live Oak (just south of Gridley). In Live Oak, go west on Pennington Rd.; follow it west and then north (where it may briefly be called Almond Orchard Rd.) to Gray Lodge entrance. Go through checking

station and continue to parking lot #14.

To reach Sacramento NWR from I-5, take Princeton exit just north of Glenn Co. line; follow signs to refuge. Allow two and one-half hours driving time from Bay Area.

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## Bicycle Trip: Stevens Creek Trail, Mountain View Shoreline, and Palo Alto Baylands

*San Mateo County*

**Saturday, December 4**

Leader: Kathy Jarrett, 510.547.1233  
(no calls after 9pm), call for cell number,  
[kathy\\_jarrett@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy_jarrett@yahoo.com)

Meet at 9:15 a.m. at Mountain View Caltrain Station, or at 9:25 a.m. on W. Dana St. at Landels Park/School in Mountain View, where we will access the Stevens Creek Trail. Reservations are not necessary, but leader would appreciate knowing if you are coming.

The trip begins in Mountain View and ends in Palo Alto. There are no hills on this 16-mile trip in one of the best birding areas on San Francisco Bay. We should find many species of birds on the bay, ponds, and sloughs. Much of the trip will be on paved trails and designated bike lanes, with some on gravel and some on roads. The exact itinerary will depend on the state of the unpaved trails. Any rain but very light cancels. Bicycle helmet required. Dress in layers, and bring lunch and liquids. Also bring rain gear and lock-top bags for binoculars and books. All levels of birders and bicyclists are welcome.

Directions by car: From Hwy. 101 in Mountain View, exit to Shoreline Blvd. West, go 1.2 miles to W. Dana St. (0.2 mi. after crossing Central Expressway); turn left (south) and go about 0.5 mi. to Landels Park/School. Do not cross over Hwy. 85. Independent return from Palo Alto Baylands via trails and bike lanes. Trip is completely accessible by public transportation. S.F. Airport/Millbrae train leaves Rockridge BART at 7:10, MacArthur at 7:14, and Embarcadero at 7:30, and arrives Millbrae at 8:12. To transfer from BART to Caltrain, take bicycle up elevator and purchase Caltrain round-trip ticket from machine. Take bicycle down (different) elevator to west side of Caltrain tracks to await southbound train arriving 8:24. Use northernmost car (rear of train), which is reserved for bicycles. Train arrives Mountain View at 9:14. This train also departs at 8 a.m. from Caltrain station at Fourth and King in S.F. Caltrain is on an hourly schedule. Restrooms on train. Northbound train departs Palo Alto's California Ave. Caltrain station at 1:27 p.m., arriving Millbrae at 2:08 and S.F. at 2:36. BART is on a 20-minute schedule. Northbound there is direct access from Caltrain to BART turnstile; no elevator needed. Pittsburg/Bay Point train leaves Millbrae at 2:19, arriving Embarcadero at 2:58, MacArthur at 3:16, and Rockridge at 3:19. Have small bills and change, or use credit or ATM card, and purchase round-trip tickets. Coffee shops and restaurants are within one block of Calif. Ave. Caltrain station in Palo Alto.

Allow time to get your ticket processed and your bicycle to the platform. View Caltrain and BART schedules online at [www.transitinfo.org](http://www.transitinfo.org). Check Saturday schedules. Bay Trail info online at: [baytrail.abag.ca.gov/](http://baytrail.abag.ca.gov/)  
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## Birding for Children

*San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum*

**Saturdays, December 4 and January 1**

Coleaders: Angie Geiger and Nancy DeStefanis, San Francisco Nature Education; Darin Dawson, San Francisco Botanical Garden Docent 415.387.9160; [www.sfnature.org](http://www.sfnature.org)

Meet at 10 a.m. for this first Saturday of the month trip at the kiosk/bookstore near main gate of the San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum, Ninth Avenue at Lincoln Way. Trip ends at noon. This free birding tour and nature hike for children ages 7 to 14 wends through the exciting microhabitats of the gardens. All children



Contact Susan Groves, Field Trips Committee Chair, at 510.654.5954 or [susangroves@att.net](mailto:susangroves@att.net):

- if you can share a ride or if you need a ride,
- if you have difficulty reaching a leader and need information,
- if you have suggestions for trips, or
- if you are interested in leading a trip.

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Carpool

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Entrance fee required



Biking trip

must be accompanied by an adult. Bring binoculars (if you have them) and a pencil. Cosponsored by San Francisco Nature Education, San Francisco Botanical Garden, and Golden Gate Audubon Society.

### Strybing Arboretum

*San Francisco*

**Sundays, December 5 and January 2**

Coleaders: Allan Ridley and  
Helen McKenna, 415.566.3241

Meet at 8 a.m. for this regular first Sunday of the month half-day trip. Meet at front gate of arboretum, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way. Strybing Arboretum is a delightful section of Golden Gate Park, with several microhabitats that attract a varied array of resident, migrant, and vagrant birds. Beginners and all others welcome.

### Aquatic Park

*San Francisco*

**Sunday, December 5**

Leader: Carol Kiser, San Francisco  
Maritime National Historical Park Ranger  
415.561.7100 or 561.7104

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at foot of Hyde Street Pier (Hyde and Jefferson) for this two-hour beginners' bird walk. Discover birds next door to the urban environment. Dress in layers. Trip is wheelchair accessible.

### Redwood Regional Park

*Alameda County*

**Saturday, December 11**

Leader: Rusty Scalf,  
510.666.9936, rscalf@jps.net

Meet at 8 a.m. in the last parking lot. We will seek resident and wintering landbirds in riparian, redwood, and coastal scrub habitats. Take Hwy. 13 to Redwood Road exit. Go east (toward the hills) on Redwood Road for 3 miles to park entrance on left.

### Monterey Bay and Coastal Areas

*Monterey County*

**Sunday, December 12**

Leader: Don Starks, 408.266.2969  
(evenings), starkle@earthlink.net

We will look for loons, grebes, gulls, alcids, and rocky coastline species. Meet at 9 a.m.

in Monterey at the foot of the Coast Guard Pier at the southeast end of Cannery Row. Bring quarters for parking. We will bird this area, then drive north, stopping at various spots including Moss Landing. Beginners welcome. Bring lunch and a scope.

### Wednesday at Arrowhead Marsh

*Alameda County*

**Wednesday, December 15**

Leader: Courtenay Peddle, 510.532.8911  
(no calls before 9am), capedaddle@there.net

Meet at Arrowhead Marsh parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to study and enjoy wintering birds. There can be up to 14 species of ducks, and there is always the possibility of seeing Clapper Rails. Bring scope if you have one. Take I-880 south to Hegenberger Rd. exit, then go west on Hegenberger to Doolittle Dr. Turn right on Doolittle, then right onto Swan Way. Turn left into the MLK Regional Shoreline. Drive to end of road for Arrowhead Marsh parking lot.

### Birding in New York City

**May 2005**

Leader: Alan Hopkins, 415.664.0983

Golden Gate Audubon and Classic Escapes Nature and Cultural Journeys are planning a six-day trip to New York for May 2005. Anyone who has read Marie Winn's *Red-Tails in Love, A Wildlife Drama in Central Park* knows that Manhattan's Central Park is a wonderful place to see birds. The metropolitan area boasts a bird list of more than 400 species, including 175 breeding species. May, when 30 warbler species have been recorded, is the best time to see spring migrants. In addition to Central Park, we will visit Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Queens and the Boathouse Audubon Center in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. After morning bird walks, we will enjoy the city's cultural attractions. Our itinerary includes a guided tour of the city and tours of the American Museum of Natural History. We will stay at the Hotel Beacon ([www.beaconhotel.com](http://www.beaconhotel.com)) on Manhattan's Upper West Side. With local guides, travel via minicoach, and a splendid representation of eastern birds, this is the perfect trip for anyone visiting New York City. To reserve a space on the trip or for further information, call Alan Hopkins.

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Golden Gate Audubon, a cutting-edge environmental organization, encourages all birders to share rides on our field trips. In this way, we cut down on the number of cars going on our trips and help reduce air pollution. So next time, plan ahead and open your car to additional riders. Contact the Field Trips Coordinator and she will put you in touch with other people who want to go on the same trip.

### Birding at Middle Harbor Shoreline Park

Located in an industrial area of West Oakland, the 38-acre Middle Harbor Shoreline Park is a recent addition to the East Bay Regional Park system. If you want a sense of the urban place where we live, you will want to check it out. There's a lot of hard-scape, a sandy beach, and tidal flats. A dune restoration is underway. The park offers great vistas of San Francisco, and the Bay and Golden Gate Bridges, as well as the Oakland shipping empire.

On my visit, I saw Say's and Black Phoebes, Elegant, Caspian, and Forster's terns, sandpipers, plovers, godwits, and lots of Savannah Sparrows. The park is a good place for Western Meadowlarks, and with all the grass, it will in short time be a goose haven. The interpretive signage contains my own bird photographs. Future plans include creating a large tidal shallow-water area planted with eel grass. In a few years, this should develop into great habitat.

To reach the park, take Third Street west from Jack London Square, then follow the signs to the park. Watch out for trucks along the way.

by Mark Rauzon

# OBSERVATIONS

October 1-22, 2004  
Bruce Mast



This month's column is truncated because I am in Hawaii admiring Apapanes. Notable sightings from late October will be included in the January *Gull*.

October was a great month for vagrants. Pt. Reyes was again the hottest of several hotspots, but attention shifted from the shorebirds at Abbott's Lagoon to the passerines on the outer Pt. A major migrant wave hit on September 29, and the hotlines kept crackling for the next 2 weeks. Down at Andrew Molera Park (MTY), the Big Sur Ornithology Lab banded and released a **Dusky Warbler** (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*) on Oct. 2 (TE). Unfortunately, the exhausted bird died during a recapture.

Due to the bounty of warbler sightings and the limited space in the December *Gull*, the extensive warbler tables appear on the Golden Gate Audubon website ([www.goldengateaudubon.org](http://www.goldengateaudubon.org)) rather than in this issue. For Alan Hopkins's report of a **Parkinson's Petrel** (*Procellaria parkinsoni*) on an Oct. 10 trip to Cordell Bank, MRN, see page 10.

## Loons to Ducks

Field staff at Farallon Is., SF, reported a Red-necked Grebe on Oct. 1 (KN). A Red-necked continued at Drake's Beach, PRNS, MRN, through the 4th (MD; mob) and one ventured inland to Cesar Chavez Park in Berkeley, ALA, on the 11th (RS). The Farallons also generated a Flesh-footed Shearwater sighting on the 1st (KN). A Cordell Bank, MRN, pelagic trip on Oct. 4 had 3-plus Flesh-footed and several Short-tailed Shearwaters (RS). An Oct. 18 seawatch from Moss Beach, SM, was rewarded with 21 Pink-footed, 2 Short-tailed, and 108 Buller's Shearwaters (RST). A kayaker spotted a probable Ashy Storm-Petrel between Treasure Island and Emeryville Marina, ALA, on the 15th (BK). In addition to the resident Harlequin Duck at Coyote Pt, SM, a hatch-year Harlequin

joined a scoter flock on Tomales Bay, MRN, on the 17th (RS).

## Raptors to Alcids

At Hawk Hill, MRN, several Broad-winged Hawks made the Golden Gate crossing to SF on Oct. 1 and 2. One apparently made it to Twin Peaks in about 15 minutes (SB, BF, BP). Also along the coast, Broadies were reported over Bodega Bay, SON, on the 6th (DN) and over outer PRNS on the 8th (JR).



Swamp Sparrow

In the East and South Bay, Broad-wings soared over Hayward RS, ALA, on the 3rd (BR) and over Morgan Hill, SCL, on the 12th (BRe, FV). On the 10th, a Swainson's Hawk cruised over SF, heading SE (KK). On the 14th, Abbott's Lagoon (PRNS, MRN) hosted a dark Harlan's (Red-tailed) Hawk (RS). Ferruginous Hawks delighted numerous birders throughout the region.

A Pacific Golden-Plover spent a day at the Farallon Is. on the 1st (KN), and another spent a week at Bayfront Park in Menlo Park, SM, starting the 10th (LL; mob). Pectoral

Sandpipers were widely reported throughout the month. Along the North Coast, Pectoral locales included the Farallon Is. (KN); Rodeo Lagoon, MRN (WL; TH); Mendoza (B) Ranch, PRNS, MRN (DB, PB); Nicasio Res, MRN (DDS); and Doran Park, Bodega Bay, SON (DF). Elsewhere, they made camp at New Chicago Marsh and CCSF, DENWR, and SCL (mob); along Altamont Cr. in Springtown, ALA (AEd; mob); and in Moss Beach, SM (ADM, DB, PB). On Oct. 1, a Red Phalarope dropped in at the Princeton Marsh, SM (FT, ADM).

A Pomarine Jaeger flew over Fort Funston, SF, on the 16th (MB). Parasitic Jaegers continued their MO of harassing Elegant Terns up and down the coast. A juvenile Sabine's Gull, normally quite pelagic, stopped off at the Palo Alto Flood Control Basin, SCL, on Oct. 21 and 22 (GB; mob). A few Common Terns joined Elegant Tern flocks at San Leandro Marina, ALA, on the 3rd (BR) and at Crissy Field, SF, on the 15th (JC). At Rodeo Lagoon, MRN, 2 Commons kept company with a juvenile Black Tern on the 2nd (WL; TH).

## Doves to Thrashers

On Oct. 18, a juvenile Spotted Owl was seen low in the eucalyptus trees in Owl Canyon, Bodega Bay (RS). Roosting Long-eared Owls were found at the New Willows, PRNS, on the 5th (KMK, DVP) and at Hawk Hill, MRN, on the 10th (SB). A dead cypress attracted a Lewis's Woodpecker to the northwest end of the Bunker Rd. tunnel, MRN, through the 4th (WL; BP, TH, ADM).

A **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** (*Empidonax flaviventris*) was part of a migrant wave that dropped down on outer PRNS the first week of October. It arrived at the fish docks on the 2nd, where it stayed 3 days (mob). The fish dock trees also produced a Least Flycatcher through the 9th (KMK, DVP; DB, PB). Least Flycatcher was also reported at the Farallons on the 1st (KN). SF Zoo-goers found an uncaged Dusky Flycatcher on the 3rd (DM). A **Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher** (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) joined the action at the Farallons on the 1st (KN). On Oct. 2, an Eastern and a Tropical Kingbird perched

side-by-side on a wire at the Mendoza (B) Ranch (LR; DB, PB). Through the 11th, more Tropicals were reported from Drake's Beach (mob); Merrie Way, SF (MWE); Bodega Bay, SON (DeH, DaH); and the Presidio (FR; BF).

A Plumbeous Vireo spent 5 days along Great America Parkway in SCL, SCL, beginning the 14th (MM; MJ, MRo, SR) and a Cassin's explored the PRNS Fishdocks trees on the 2nd (KH; DB, PB). Rounding out this Vireo complex, **Blue-headed Vireos** (*Vireo solitarius*) were identified in Owl Canyon, Bodega Bay, on the 1st (DN); at Mendoza (B) Ranch and the fish docks through the 2nd (JM; mob); and at the Farallon Is. through the 7th (KN). In Pescadero, SM, a Blue-headed was found associating with a flock of Townsend's Warblers and Ruby-crowned Kinglets on the 18th (ADM). On the 5th, a Philadelphia Vireo found its thrills on Strawberry Hill in GGP, SF (ASH).

On Oct. 10–11, **Sedge Wren** (*Cistothorus platensis*) was seen near the mouth of Pine Gulch Cr. in Bolinas, MRN (KH; KA). A Townsend's Solitaire made a brief stop at the Winton entrance to Hayward RS, ALA, on the 21st (BR). On Oct. 1, a **Veery** (*Catharus fuscescens*) was documented at the PRNS fish docks (JM). On the 4th, a second Veery was identified in the hand after it crashed into a window near 258 Littlefield, SSF, SM (RyT). On the 1st, observers on the Farallon Is. found a Gray Catbird, a Sage Thrasher, and a Brown Thrasher (KN).

## Wood Warblers to Finches

Two Red-throated Pipits lingered at the Farallon Is. the first week of the month (KN). A third bird joined sparrows and pipits at Abbott's Lagoon, PRNS on the 14th (RS). October was full of warblers. The more remarkable sightings included a **Worm-eating Warbler** (*Helmitheros vermivorus*) at the Nunes (A) Ranch, PRNS (DDS and ST), and a **Connecticut Warbler** (*Oporornis agilis*) at the Farallon Is., SF (KN). Multiple **Mourning Warblers** (*Oporornis philadelphicus*) reports came from the Farallon Is. (KN); the Princeton Willows, SM (ADM); and the Mendoza (B) Ranch (MB). Also, a Blackpoll and a Black-

throated Blue Warbler landed on the boat of the Oct. 4 Cordell Bank pelagic trip (RS).

Clay-colored Sparrows were reported from at least 10 locales in MRN, SF, SM, and SCL (mob). Brewer's Sparrows made it to the Farallon Is. on the 1st (KN) and spent the 9th and 10th in a thistle field near the Half Moon Bay WPCP, SM (RST; ADM). On Oct. 3, Vesper Sparrows were sighted in Muir Beach, MRN (DMK), and near Redwood Shores Parkway, SM (RST). Beginning the 4th, a Lark Bunting spent a couple weeks in the company of a Zonotrichia flock at Bayfront Park in Menlo Park, SM (RF; mob). Between Oct. 15 and 18, observers found Swamp Sparrows at Coyote Pt. Yacht Club (RST); Rodeo Lagoon (PS; RLc); and Princeton Willows (RST). Through the 12th, Lapland Longspurs were found at the Farallon

Is. (KN); Half Moon Bay (AJ); Upper New Willows, PRNS (KMK, DVP); and Crissy Field, SF (HC; mob).

On Oct. 17–19, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks visited backyards in Palo Alto, SCL (DD) and Pacifica, SM (JM). On the 4th, a Blue Grosbeak visited the rail ponds along Bay

Flat Rd, Bodega Bay (DN). The first week of the month, Indigo Buntings were reported at the Farallon Is. and various outer PRNS locales (mob). On the 17th, a female Indigo turned up in San Gregorio, SM (GH). The Farallon Is. report for the first week included



Lewis's Woodpecker

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a Dickcissel, Bobolink, and Orchard Oriole (KN). Another Bobolink was at Campbell Cove, Bodega Bay, on the 3rd and 4th (DN). A probable Orchard Oriole visited Fort Mason, SF, on the 19th (ASH). Finally, an Evening Grosbeak was a morning visitor to the Presidio, SF, on the 22nd (JC).

**Abbreviations for Observers:** DA, David Armstrong; KA, Ken Archibald; BB, Bill Bousman; BoB, Bob Battagin; DB, Dennis Braddy; GB, Gordon Barrett; KB, Ken Burton; LB, Leonie Batkin; MB, Michelle Brodie; PB, Patricia Braddy; SB, Steven Bauer; HC, Hugh Cotter; JC, Josiah Clark; LC, Les Chibana; ADM, Al DeMartini; DD, Dick Dworak; DDS, Dave DeSante; GD, Gary Deghi; JD, Jim Danzenbaker; MD, Matthew Dodder; PD, Peggy Don; AE, Al Eisner; AEd, Art Edwards; DE, Damien Ebert; DEr, Dave Erwin; MWE, Mark Eaton; TE, Todd Easterla; BF, Brian Fitch; DF, Dea Freid; MF, Mike Feighner; RF, Rick Ferrick; RoF, Roland Franz; EG, Eric Goodill; SG, Steve Glover; ASH, Alan Hopkins; DaH, David Hamilton; DeH, Denise Hamilton; GH, Garth Harwood; JH, Jan Hintermeister; JoH, Joan Humphrey; KH, Keith Hansen; LH, Lisa Hug; SH, Steve Huckabee; TH, Tony Harrow; AJ, Alvaro Jaramillo; MJ, Mark Jenkins; BK, Barbara Kosky; KK, Kanani Kauka; CL, Cindy Lieurance; CDL, Calvin Lou; DL, Don Lewis; JL, John Luther; LL, Les Lieurance; ML, Michelle Liopos; RL, Robin Leong; RLe, Rick Leabaudour; WL, William Legge; BEM, Bruce Mast; DM, Dan Murphy; DMK, Dave McKenzie; JM, Joe Morlan; KMK, Kevin McKereghan; MM, Mike Mammoser; PM, Peter Metropulos; PMC, Pat McCulloch; DN, Dan Nelson; KN, Kristie Nelson; KO, Kris Olson; BP, Bob Power; JP, John Poole; JaP, Janna Pauser; MP, Mike Parmeter; PP, Peter Pyle; BR, Bob Richmond; Bre, BRe; FR, Felix Rigau; JR, Jean Richmond; LR, Lee Retson; MR, Mark Rauzon; MRo, Mike Rogers; RR, Ruth Rudesill; SR, Steve Rottenborn; DS, David Suddjian; DSi, Dan Singer; ES, Emilie Strauss; ESe, Emily Serkin; JS, John Sterling; PS, Paul Saraceni; RS, Rich Stallcup; RSc, Rusty Scalf; FT, Francis Toldi; RST, Ron Thorn; GT, George Trabert; MT, Marilyn Trabert; RyT, Ryan Terrill; ST, Scott Terrell; MU, Myra Ulvang; DVP, David Vander Pluym; FV, Frank Vanslager; AW, Alan Wight; AWi, Adam Winer; DW, Denise Wight; DWi, Dave Wimpfheimer; JW, Jay Withgott; JWa, Jeff Wall; SW, Stu Wilson; JY, James Yurchenco; MZ, Matt Zlatunich.

*Semicolons separate original observer(s) from subsequent observer(s). Abbreviation "mob" = many observers. "oob" = other observers. Information is compiled from BirdBox transcripts and regional listservs. The author apologizes for any errors or omissions.*

**Abbreviations for Counties and Others:** ALA, Alameda; BBA, Breeding Bird Atlas; CBC, Christmas Bird Count; CC, Contra Costa; CCFS, Coyote Cr Field Station; Cr, Creek; Cyn, Canyon; DENWR, Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge; GGP, Golden Gate Park; Is., Island; L, Lake; MRN, Marin; MTY, Monterey; N., N.; NAP, Napa; NSMWA, NAP-SON Marshes Wildlife Area; Pt, Point; PRNS, Pt Reyes National Seashore; RP, Regional Park; Rd, Road; Res, Reservoir; RS, Regional Shoreline; SB, State Beach; SCL, Santa Clara; SF, San Francisco; SJ, San Jose; SM, San Mateo; SOL, Solano; SON, Sonoma; SP, State Park; SR, State Reserve; WPCP, Water Pollution Control Plant.

# Spectacular Sightings on 2004 Pelagic Trips

**G**olden Gate Audubon and Shearwater Journeys teamed up for two great boat trips this year. The first trip, on August 8 to the Farallon Islands and beyond, will be remembered as one of the best in recent years.

As Roger Thomas guided the *Salty Lady* under the Golden Gate Bridge, we found only a slight swell and overcast skies. The conditions were excellent. Trip leaders Debi Shearwater, Luke Cole, and I kept watch for Harbor Porpoise and were not disappointed as the small cetaceans appeared just beyond Point Bonita. As we headed offshore, Red-necked Phalaropes and Sooty and Pink-footed Shearwaters streaked by. Well before we reached the Farallon Islands, the first Tufted Puffin was spotted on the water, and Roger pulled the boat right next to the bird, providing everyone with great views. Another of the day's highlights was an eight-foot-long Leatherback Turtle, only the third leatherback I have ever seen.

At the southeast Farallon Island, the water was peppered with thousands of Cassin's Auklets. On most boat trips, the nine-inch auklets are skittish and hard to see. On this day, they were swimming right next to the boat. In all our many years of boat trips, Debi, Luke, and I have never seen anything like it.



Humpback Whales (above), Pink-footed Shearwater (top), Black-footed Albatross (right).



photos by Alan Hopkins

As we headed west beyond the island, we had great looks at Humpback Whales and a Gray Whale. A short time later we found ourselves surrounded by thousands of Northern Right Whale Dolphins, with smaller groups of White-sided Dolphins mixed among them. Once we reached the Continental Shelf, the deep-water birds began to appear. Black-footed Albatrosses were common. Other birds seen were Northern Fulmar, Buller's Shearwater, Pomarine Jaeger, Sabine's Gull, and Common Tern. In all, it was a great day on the Pacific.

On Sunday, October 10, weather conditions seemed bleak for the October 11 Cordell Bank trip. Fortunately, the winds died during the night and then switched to easterlies. We boarded the *New Sea Angler* at Bodega Bay at 6 a.m. and were treated to a golden sunrise over glassy water as we headed out to the Bodega Canyon.

Debi had assembled a stellar group of leaders for the trip: Luke Cole, Alvaro Jaramillo, John Luther, Peter Pyle, Mike Rogers, and I were ready for a great day. And what a day it turned out to be! As we headed out, we came into flocks of Pink-footed and Buller's Shearwaters. We got lucky and had great looks at a Tufted Puffin in basic plumage, lacking the tufts. There were numerous sightings of Flesh-footed

Shearwater and South Polar Skua, and a rather late-season Long-tailed Jaeger flew by the boat. One of the highlights was finding a flock of 800 Ashy Storm-Petrels. Within the flock were a few Fork-tailed and Wilson's Storm-Petrels. The most unusual bird in the flock was a nearly pure white leucistic Ashy Storm-Petrel.

During the fall, pelagic mammal populations start to drop off, but we had fine looks at Blue Whale and Dall's Porpoise. Humpback Whale was the most numerous whale on the trip, but the whales were skulkers, and most were hard to see. Other mammals included Northern Fur Seal, Elephant Seal, and Steller's Sea Lion.

The most exciting bird of the trip—and, for me, the year—was spotted by Alvaro Jaramillo. The medium-sized tube-nose flew up the stern with an arcing flight. The bird looked most like a Flesh-footed Shearwater, but was too pale, and the flight was all wrong. The bill had a dark tip, but the base of the bill was not pink, and the bird seemed to lack pink feet. Al stopped the boat, and fortunately everyone was able to get on the bird.

Unfortunately, however, no one knew what the bird was. This was remarkable, given the group of birders on the boat who have spent time looking at seabirds all over the world. Our thoughts ranged over a number of possibilities: dark Pink-footed Shearwater, light Flesh-footed Shearwater, some kind of Pterodroma, and what seems most likely at this point—a Parkinson's Petrel. Parkinson's Petrel is a Procellaria petrel. The Procellariidae are a family of large, heavy-bodied petrels that are primarily birds of the southern oceans. Parkinson's Petrel ranges north of the equator, but should our bird be accepted by the California Bird Records Committee, it will be the first record for California.

by Alan Hopkins

# GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

Balance Sheets June 30, 2004 and 2003

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	COMBINED TOTAL	2003 COMBINED TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets					
Cash And Cash Equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 47,408			\$ 47,408	\$ 35,011
Other Receivables	49,099			49,099	18,027
Inventory	3,018			3,018	2,372
Investments (Note 4) (At Fair Value)	409,486	\$ 89,504	\$ 55,224	554,214	516,262
Deposits	522	—	—	522	522
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>509,533</b>	<b>89,504</b>	<b>55,224</b>	<b>654,261</b>	<b>572,194</b>
Property and Equipment, Net (Note 5)	7,883	—	—	7,883	—
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 517,416</b>	<b>\$ 89,504</b>	<b>\$ 55,224</b>	<b>\$ 662,144</b>	<b>\$ 572,194</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,129			\$ 8,129	\$ 7,000
Payroll And Sales					
Taxes Payable	989			989	904
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>9,118</b>			<b>9,118</b>	<b>7,904</b>
Net Assets	508,298	\$ 89,504	\$ 55,224	653,026	564,290
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 517,416</b>	<b>\$ 89,504</b>	<b>\$ 55,224</b>	<b>\$ 662,144</b>	<b>\$ 572,194</b>

## Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets June 30, 2004 and 2003

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	COMBINED TOTAL	2003 COMBINED TOTAL
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>					
Public Support					
Direct Contributions					
Gifts And Donations	\$ 159,253	\$ 21,183		\$ 180,436	\$ 165,988
Grants	5,000	219,914	\$ —	224,914	153,400
<b>Total Direct Contributions</b>	<b>164,253</b>	<b>241,097</b>		<b>405,350</b>	<b>319,388</b>
Indirect Contributions					
Earth Share	831	—	—	831	3,589
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>165,084</b>	<b>241,097</b>		<b>406,181</b>	<b>322,977</b>
REVENUE					
Membership Dues	23,175			23,175	22,350
Investment Earnings, Net (Note 4)	93,786			93,786	10,802
Merchandise Sales (Net Of Direct Expenses of \$6,833 In 2004 And \$6,890 In 2003)	5,472			5,472	4,995
Other	—	—	—	—	547
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>122,433</b>			<b>122,433</b>	<b>38,694</b>
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>287,517</b>	<b>241,097</b>		<b>528,614</b>	<b>361,671</b>
Net Assets Released from Restriction	267,893	(267,893)	—	—	—
<b>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>					
Program Services:					
Conservation	209,456			209,456	118,284
Educational Programs	104,306			104,306	144,374
Member Services	58,430			58,430	40,966
Grants Made	—			—	15,500
Management And General	58,519			58,519	48,100
Fundraising	9,167			9,167	8,154
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>439,878</b>			<b>439,878</b>	<b>375,378</b>
Change in Net Assets	115,532	(26,796)	—	88,736	(13,707)
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>392,766</b>	<b>116,300</b>	<b>55,224</b>	<b>564,290</b>	<b>577,997</b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 508,298</b>	<b>\$ 89,504</b>	<b>\$ 55,224</b>	<b>\$ 653,026</b>	<b>\$ 564,290</b>

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